



International Teams head to Rutland Water this October for World Lure Angling Championships

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5 September 2018, London: Teams from around the world are heading to Rutland for the 11th FIPS-ed Carnivorous Artificial Bait Boat Angling Championships, also known as the World Lure Angling Championships, this October. This year's event is England's hosting debut for the annual competition, and the second time in three years that the home nations host the tournament following Ireland in 2016.

Rutland Water, one of Europe's largest artificial reservoirs, will host nations from at least three different continents from Thursday 11th to Sunday 14th October vying for the title of world champions – going head-to-head from 16ft Coulam boats to land the biggest predator fish they can. Anglers will compete in pairs out on the water over two days, with Pike (50cm+), Zander (40cm+) and Perch (25cm+) scoring.

Up to 20 teams are expected to contest the title at the popular UK fishery, with teams from Russia, Italy, America, Poland, South Africa and of course the home nation, England, already signed up to compete. Reigning World Champions Romania also return to the competition looking to defend their title won in 2017.

Chief Executive of the Angling Trust & Fish Legal, Mark Lloyd said: "The Angling Trust is delighted to be hosting the 11th FIPS-ed Carnivorous Artificial Bait Boat Angling World Championships at Rutland Water, one of the largest artificial lakes in Europe with 2,683 acres of open water.

"It's a great pleasure to host a prestigious competition such as this, and the organising committee have worked incredibly hard to bring this event to England so that many can enjoy some fabulous fishing on the excellent Rutland Water. I'm sure the competition will be contested in the true spirit of competitive angling."

Last year's competition took place in Konakovo, Russia, where Romania took victory ahead of Poland and Russia. Not present in Konakovo, and having finished 14th in 2016, Team England returns to the championships looking to shine on home waters. With the team's final line up to be decided in the coming weeks, newly appointed Team Manager Steve Collett said: "Obviously being on home water an advantage would have been assumed, but Rutland is a moody mistress, and as it is not open all year round, the teams are pretty much on a level playing field.

"Team England is a relatively new squad following a management overhaul, anything could happen, and we are just concentrating on improving an embryonic branch of our sport. We are all looking forward to it though, and hopefully the UK will put on a good showcase, fabulous fishing and hospitality, and the legacy of a world championships in England will be felt for many years to come, it can only be a good thing for lure fishing in England which is still a small percentage of our sport."

Teams who have submitted entries for the championships so far are: Belarus, Croatia, Czech Republic, England, France, Hungary, Ireland, Italy, Latvia, Lithuania, Poland, Romania, Russia, South Africa, Ukraine and the USA. The final list of confirmed teams will be announced soon.

The opening ceremony will be held at Greetham Valley, Rutland, on Thursday 11th October, with the two-day competition taking place over the weekend of 13th and 14th October.

Full event details can be found on the official 2018 World Championships website www.worldlurechamps.co.uk.

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